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# Identical letters dated 16 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 16 January 2003 on the activities of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the identical letters dated 16 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

## Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

## Inspection activities on 16 January 2003

### I. IAEA inspection team

A team consisting of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours, and at 0910 hours it arrived at a residential area of Baghdad. The team conducted a radiometric survey using hand-held devices in order to detect any alleged radioactive activity. The team completed its assignment at 0940 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1010 hours.

### II. UNMOVIC 6 missile inspection team

The team divided into two groups, as follows:

1. One group, consisting of 18 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours, and at 0840 hours it arrived at the Precision Foundry belonging to the 17 Nisan company, which comes under the Ministry of Industry and Mining. The first subgroup interviewed the manager of the plant and asked him about the materials it produced, the production problems it encountered and the impact of these problems on production. The three remaining subgroups inspected the plant. The group completed its assignment at 1030 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1040 hours.

2. A second group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours, and at 0900 hours it arrived at the Nida' State Enterprise belonging to the Military Industrial Corporation (MIC). The group interviewed the assistant general manager of the company and the representative for liaison with the National Monitoring Directorate (NMD), and some of the comments made by the group that visited the same site on 24 December 2002 were discussed. The group completed its assignment at 0955 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1015 hours.

### III. UNMOVIC 8 chemical inspection team

The team divided into three groups, as follows:

1. One group, consisting of 19 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours, and at 0940 hours it arrived at a military site located west of Baghdad. Its arrival coincided with a helicopter surveillance of this site by this team's third group. The team completed its assignment at 1425 hours. It then proceeded to another site and arrived at the Rashid State Enterprise for Construction Contracts, which comes under the Ministry of Housing and Development. The group leader interviewed the official in charge of the company, and the group then inspected the company stores. The group completed its assignment at 1505 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1600 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of nine inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0855 hours, and at 0920 hours it arrived at the MIC Tahaddi State Enterprise. The group divided into three subgroups. The first subgroup interviewed the general manager of the company and the representative responsible for liaison with NMD and asked about the changes that had occurred in the company, including changes in declared equipment. This subgroup then inspected the information centre and the rooms in which the company's computers were kept, while the other two subgroups checked the semi-annual declarations. The group completed its assignment at 1235 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

3. A third group, consisting of two inspectors and using a helicopter for inspection, took off from the Rashid airbase at 0900 hours. The purpose of this group's assignment was to carry out reconnaissance of a military site located in the Abu Ghraib area behind the Karkh cemetery. Its arrival at the site coincided with the entry of the group making a ground inspection of the site itself (the first group mentioned above). The reconnaissance was completed at 1025 hours, and the group arrived back at the Rashid airbase at 1100 hours.

## IV. UNMOVIC 10 multidisciplinary team

In an unprecedented step, the UNMOVIC 10 inspection team, consisting of 14 inspectors and headed by the UNMOVIC Director of Operations, Mr. Demetrius Perricos, proceeded to a residential quarter of Baghdad at 0900 hours. It asked to inspect two residences belonging to two Iraqi citizens. The NMD representatives accompanying the team did not intervene with regard to the request, inasmuch as a residence is the private property of the citizen who inhabits it with his family and he alone has the right to decide to agree to or refuse an inspection of his home. Because the request to inspect two homes was made at 0936 hours, i.e. during regular working hours, the two citizens were summoned from their place of work and the request was put to them. They agreed that two women from the inspection team might enter their homes in order to verify that they were residences. In one of the homes, that of Dr. Falih Hamzah, the inspection team asked to photograph papers and personal research on topics in the public domain belonging to the aforementioned Iraqi citizen, who gave his consent. The team completed its assignment at 1635 hours.

## V. UNMOVIC 9 multidisciplinary inspection team

A team consisting of 13 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0737 hours, and at 1010 hours it arrived at the Ukhaydir Ammunition Storage Area located in Karbala' governorate. Upon arrival, the team divided into three groups and inspected 140 ammunition warehouses. The team placed seals on some of the empty 122-mm rocket warheads, which have a range of less than 20 kilometres and whose term of usability had expired, as they had been imported in 1986 and left neglected at the site. The team completed its assignment at 1620 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1845 hours.